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FOLLOWING REPEAT CINCPAC REP GUAM DTG 151045Z MAY 75 ACTION

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THIS IS A PROJECT NEWLIFE DEAG AND SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATOR

SITREP NO. 17

1. GENERAL. OFFICE OF CIVIL COORDINATOR PERSONNEL CONCENTRATED EFFORTS THIS DATE ON ASSISTING TO REPROCESS THOSE REFUGEES INITIALLY PROCESSED AS CATEGORY 2 WITHOUT SPONSORS. AS A RESULT OF THE COMBINED RED CROSS/MILITARY/CIVIL COORDINATOR MAIL LOCATOR SYSTEM INITIATED YESTERDAY, MANY IN THIS CATEGORY HAVE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION ON SPONSORSHIP. TEN CC STAFF MEMBERS WERE ASSIGNED TO FULL-TIME DUTY THIS DATE TO EXAMINE THIS DOCUMENTATION AND TO CERTIFY THE SPONSORSHIP ON THE I-94 FORM.

2. HEALTH AND SANITATION. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES. REFER TO NEWLIFE SITREPS FOR THIS DATE.

3. PUBLIC AFFAIRS. TODAY'S PRESS BRIEFING, CONDUCTED BY RADM MORRISON, COVERED A VARIETY OF TOPICS ON OPERATION NEWLIFE. SOME MEDIA REPS ASKED ABOUT GUAM'S WATER SUPPLY, WHICH RADM MORRISON TERMED AS SOMEWHAT IMPROVED. HE REPORTED THAT IN THE LAST TWELVE HOURS VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS HAD STABILIZED THE SUPPLY. HE SAID THERE WAS A NOTICEABLE EFFORT AT OROTE POINT, WHICH NORMALLY USES 3,000,000 GALLONS A DAY, TO CONSUME WATER MORE SPARINGLY. THE VIETNAMESE LST CAM RANH ARRIVED TODAY WITH ONLY 175 REFUGEES ON BOARD; MORE THAN 600 HAD BEEN ERRONEOUSLY ESTIMATED. THE PRESS BRIEFER SAID THE TOTAL

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REFUGEE POPULATION ON GUAM WAS NOW JUST UNDER 50,000. DEPARTURES

REMAIN AT LESS THAN 1,000 PER DAY BECAUSE OF SLOWER PROCESSING AT MAINLAND RECEPTION CENTERS. THE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT 7,660 REFUGEES NOW ARE BEING SHELTERED ON WAKE ISLAND. NO SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL COMMENT ON OPERATION NEWLIFE HAS APPEARED IN THE LOCAL MEDIA FOR SEVERAL DAYS. MEDIA INTEREST IN THE GUAM ASPECT OF THE REFUGEE STORY APPEARS TO BE WANING, CHIEFLY BECAUSE NO LARGE ARRIVALS ARE EXPECTED. SOME MAINLAND CORRESPONDENTS, INCLUDING THEE CBS TEAM, PLAN TO DEPART MAY 16, LEAVING COVERAGE IN THE HANDS OF LOCAL STRINGERS.

4. INS.

-A. GUAM. AS OF 1900 HOURS MAY 14, INS HAD PROCESSED 2,039 REFUGEES ON THAT DAY. OF THIS TOTAL, 2,034 WERE ALIENS AND 5 WERE U.S. CITIZENS. OF THE 2,034 PROCESSED, 41 WERE CATEGORY 1, 1,162 WERE CATEGORY 2, AND 831 WERE CATEGORY 5. TO DATE INS HAS CLEARED 70,769 REFUGEES ON GUAM(ADJUSTED) TO CONFORM TO ACTUAL COUNT).

B. WAKE. AS OF 1800 HOURS MAY 14, INS PROCESSED 527 REFUGEES, ALL ALIENS. OF THE 527 ALIENS, 19 WERE CATEGORY 1, 257 CATEGORY 2, AND 251 WERE CATEGORY 5. TO DATE INS HAS CLEARED 5,965 REFUGEES ON WAKE.

5. VOLAGS.

A. AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS
AT THE REQUEST OF THE AUSTRALIAN MISSION, RED CROSS STAFF ARE ASSISTING IN OBTAINING WINTER CLOTHING FOR FAMILIES GOING TO AUSTRALIA. THIS ASSISTANCE WILL CONTINUE ON A NEED BASIS WHEN REQUESTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES.
A TOTAL OF SEVEN HUNDRED RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN A WIDE RANGE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE REFUGEES DURING THE PAST TWENTY-THREE DAYS, BEGINNING ON 23 APRIL 1975. THE SUPPORT OF MILITARY DEPENDENTS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS HAS ENABLED THE RED CROSS TO RESPOND TO THE MANY UNEXPECTED EMERGENCY NEEDS. THE WORK BEING DONE COULD NOT CONTINUE WITHOUT THEIR PRESENCE.
AS OF THIS MORNING, EIGHTEEN UNATTENDED CHILDREN, RANGING IN AGE FROM UNDER ONE YEAR TO 12 YEARS, WERE BEING CARED FOR AT THE RED CORSS DAY & NIGHT CENTER AT OROTE POINT.
REFUGEE MAIL PROCESSED TO DATE: 16,565 OUTGOING PIECES.
REFUGEE COMMUNICATIONS PROCESSED TO DATE: 4,994 OUTGOING MESSAGES.

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B. ICEM/IRC/CRS. FOUR PERSONS DEPARTED FOR AUSTRALIA EARLY THIS MORNING, BRINGING THE TOTAL ICEM-INITIATED THIRD COUNTRY DEPARTURES TO 689.

AS OF 1700 HOURS THIS DATE, ICEM HAD REGISTERED 214 NEW APPLICANTS AS FOLLOWS:

(1) OROTE: 200 - FRANCE 125
BELGIUM 2
AUSTRALIA 51

TAIWAN 21

HONG KONG 1

(2) J&G: 14 - BELGIUM 4

FRANCE 10

6. SUMMARY OF CURRENT CAMP POPULATION/DEPARTURE/PROCESSING DATA:

A. GUAM (AS OF 2200 MAY 14):

1. CURRENT CAMP POPULATION: 49,768
2. NUMBER REFUGEES DEPARTED LAST 24 HOURS: 640
3. NUMBER INS PROCESSED LAST 24 HOURS: 2,039
4. NUMBER INS PROCESSED AWAITING MOVEMENT FROM GUAM: 22,792

B. WAKE (AS OF 2200 MAY 14):

1. CURRENT CAMP POPULATION: 7,616 (ADJUSTED)
2. NUMBER REFUGEES DEPARTED LAST 24 HOURS: 0
3. NUMBER INS PROCESSED LAST 24 HOURS: 527
4. NUMBER INS PROCESSED AWAITING MOVEMENT FROM WAKE: 5,965

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